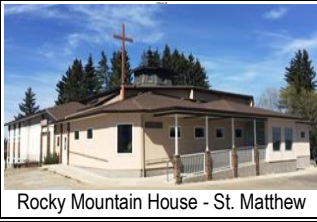


April 19, 2020 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (A)



Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church



Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs



Caroline - St. Joseph

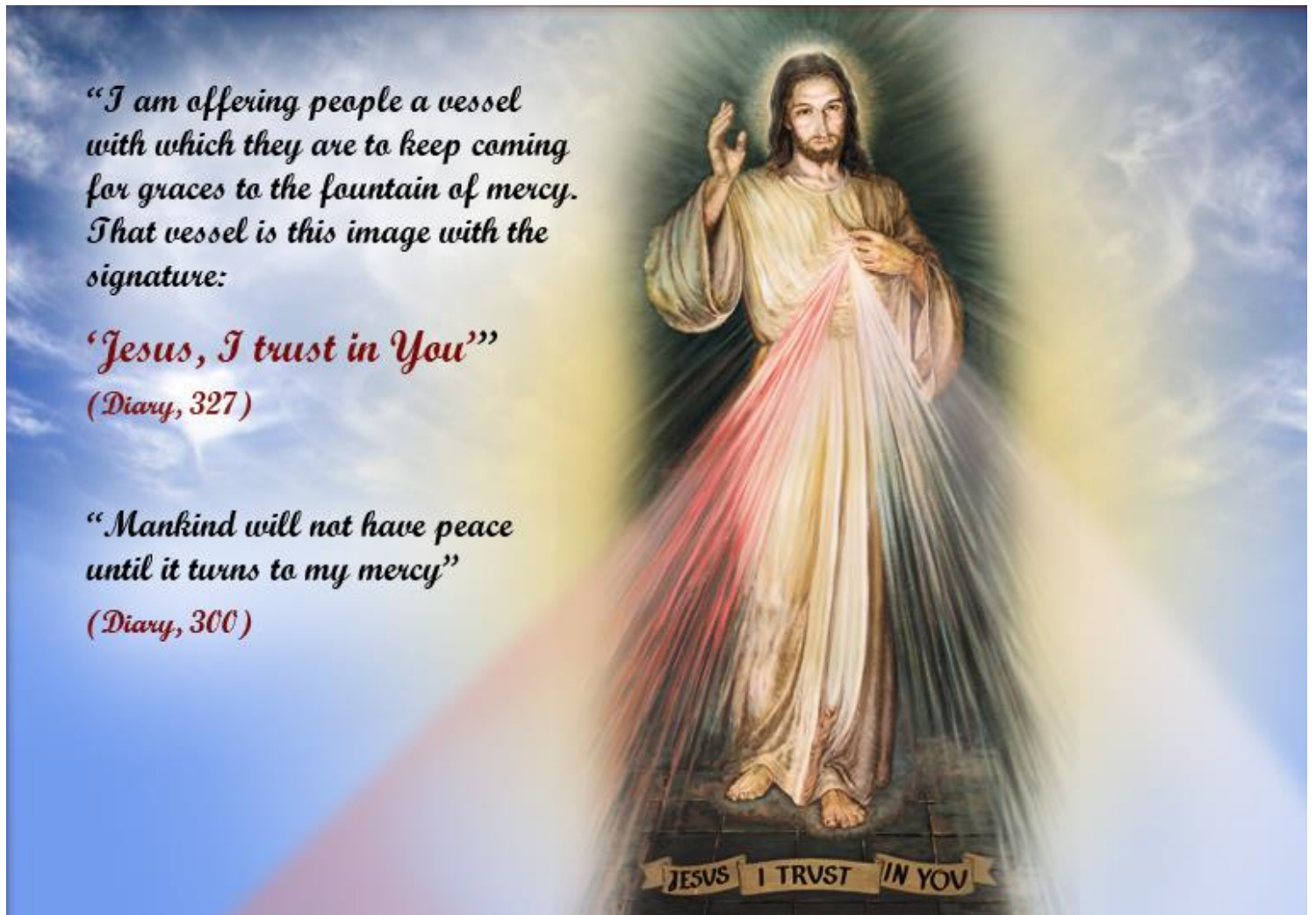


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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Acts 2:42-47 * 1 Peter 1:3-9 * John 20:19-31*

We are reconciled to God, in his Divine Mercy, through his Son. The Church continues to celebrate and give thanks for the mystery of the Resurrection. God has anointed his only Son as our Savior and Redeemer. So with hearts full of hope, joy, and faith, let us be reconciled to God in his Divine Mercy and share that mercy with the world. ♦ **Saint Luke** describes the early Christian community, as *they devoted themselves to prayer, the communal life ... [and] ... the breaking of bread.* **Peter's Letter** stresses the *living hope* that believers now have *through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.* **In the Gospel,** the resurrected Jesus appears to his disciples, saying, *Peace be with you* and showing them his wounds. He breathes on them, and says, *receive the Holy Spirit* and grants them the authority to forgive sins. Later, he convinces Thomas of the truth of the Resurrection.



“I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature:

“Jesus, I trust in You”
(Diary, 327)

“Mankind will not have peace until it turns to my mercy”
(Diary, 300)

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

You are invited to participate in Virtual Chaplet of Divine Mercy Sunday – April 19, 2020 – 03.00 PM (on parish website)

Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity. Devotion to Divine Mercy Sunday grew rapidly after its designation by Pope John Paul II and is now widely celebrated.



In Loving Memory of **MARIE ALICE KMET (1927-2020)**

FUNERAL SERVICE: Rocky Mountain House - Rocky Funeral Home • Thursday - April 16, 2020 - 02.00 PM
Interment - Leslieville Cemetery

FOOD BANK DONATIONS!

We invite our parishioners to consider donation of food items for our local Food Bank. You can bring your donation during office hours. Collection boxes are placed in the church lobby. Thank you very much for your help! God bless!



PRIVATE ADORATION

DAILY • 3.00 PM - 4.00 PM

(Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday)

Adoration is not intended as public event. It is private with simple Exposition and Benediction, no public prayers and singing. We ask to exercise social distancing when in the church. Do not come if you are sick!



INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

DAILY • 3.00 PM - 4.00 PM (DURING ADORATION)

(Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday)

Confessions are not intended as Penitential Service. Approach Fr. Leon during Adoration if you would like to go to confession. We ask to exercise social distancing when in the church. **Any other time by appointment.**



OUR PARISH OFFICE HOURS ARE NOT CHANGED!

Our parish office working hours are not changed. Office is opened from Noon to 4.00 PM from Monday to Friday. Check our parish website for any changes and updates. Not open on Easter Monday.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

MONDAY - TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY - FRIDAY • NOON - 4.00 PM

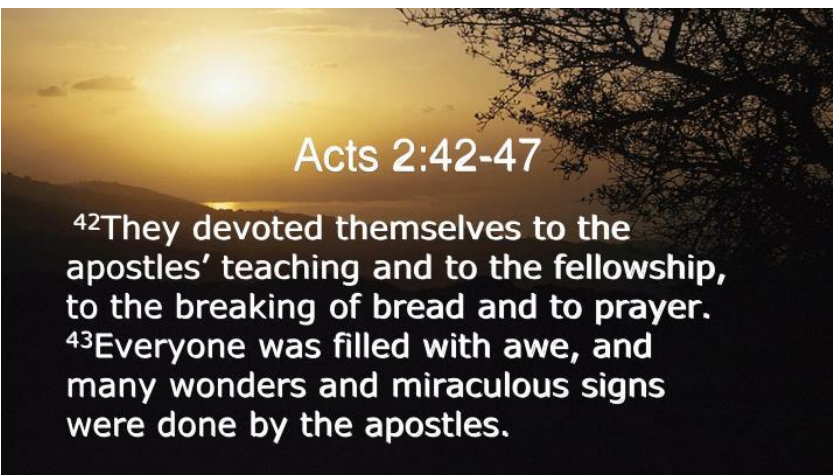
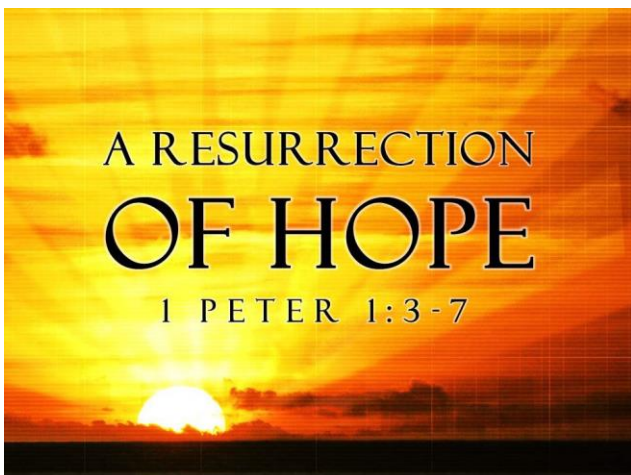
Our church will be open during office hours for people to come and pray and seek the Lord's strength and comfort at this time. We ask to exercise social distancing when in the church. **Not open on Easter Monday.**



SPECIAL APPEAL FOR DONATIONS



With the absence of regular Masses, we would like to highlight the option of Automatic Bank Withdrawal for regular and Together We Serve offerings. It's simple to implement, just fill in the form that is available on our parish website and confirm when you would like to start the deductions. Changes or cancellations can be made at any time but must be in writing. You can also donate to parish by bringing your donation to our parish office during office hours or you can donate securely and safely on our parish website.



Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.



Today the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. The central focus is our celebration of the resurrection of Christ and the floodgates of God's mercy being opened upon us, and is based both on Scripture and the revelations of Saint Faustina Kowalska.

Peter says in today's second reading, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

Saint John Paul II, in his canonization of Sister Mary Faustina Kowalska, instituted this day into the Church calendar. In his homily, he said:

"It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings. Christ has taught us that "man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called 'to practise mercy' towards others: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy (Mt 5:7)" (Dives in misericordia, n. 14).

That mercy is easily seen in the many healing miracles recalled in the Gospels. In each one, whether physical or spiritual, the power of Christ to renew, forgive, and heal bursts into the life of someone and, at times, even turns upside down the very laws of nature.

In today's Gospel, that specific ministry of forgiveness and mercy is passed to the disciples, when Jesus says, Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them. This is Divine Mercy.

When Thomas, broken and distraught at the death of Jesus cannot, or will not, bring himself to accept the Resurrection, Jesus gently takes him from obstinate refusal to a moment of faith. He coaxes from Thomas one of the great confessions of faith: My Lord and my God! In that moment, Thomas is healed and changed – healed of his grief and pain, changed from doubt to belief. This is Divine Mercy.

Having experienced that same forgiveness and healing in their own lives, the disciples now become carriers of these gifts for all who will hear and respond to their preaching. For what they say about the risen Christ is no mere fantasy. They witnessed his death on the cross, and now they witness with their very eyes and with the touch of their hands that he is fully alive. Divine Mercy.

The need for those gifts of mercy and healing is as great today as it was in apostolic times, as Saint John Paul II noted. Without it, we are lost – still in our sins, unable to be reconciled with God. So as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection, let us each open our hearts to those gifts and then commit ourselves to be conduits of them to others. Divine Mercy.

PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

Deacon (Retired) - Bernie Ouellette
Secretary - Vivian Duhamel

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM

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Baptism Preparation Class	Steve/Donna Oscar	403.895.0373
Bible Study Mondays	Mara Gagne	403.845.0940
Bible Study Sundays	Lisa Sembaliuk	403.846.7137
Called to Protect	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
Children's Liturgy	Mona Cruickshank	403.846.1027
CWL	Joyce Donald	403.895.4156
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Maintenance	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
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Prayer Chain	Alice Murray	403.722.4056
Youth Group	Peter van Kampen	403.848.0955

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	07.00 PM	Rocky Mountain House
Sunday	09.00 AM	Rocky Mountain House
Sunday	11.00 AM	Evergreen
Sunday	01.00 PM	Caroline

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	06.30 PM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
Wednesday	09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
Thursday	09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH 10.30 AM - Jesuit Martyrs, Evergreen
Friday	09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH

MONTHLY MASSES

First Wednesday	08.00 AM - St. Matthew School, RMH
First Wednesday	11.00 AM - Eckville Manor, Eckville
First Friday	11.00 AM - Clearwater Centre, RMH
Second Wednesday	08.00 AM - St. Dominic School, RMH
Second Wednesday	11.00 AM - Westview Lodge, RMH
Second Friday	11.00 AM - Ravines at Park Ave., RMH

REQUESTS FOR USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES MUST BE APPROVED BY PASTOR AND BOOKED THROUGH OFFICE.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Contact office if you want your child to be baptized in our parish. Preparation Class is mandatory. For more info, call office.

CONFESSIONS

Rocky Mountain House - Every Saturday from 6.15 PM to 6.45 PM
Evergreen/Caroline - after Sun. Masses ♦ Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact office if you want to celebrate Sacrament of Marriage in our parish. Preparation is mandatory. For more info, call office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday in St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House
9.00 AM MASS ♦ 9.30 AM - 12.00 PM ADORATION
Every First Tuesday of the month in St. Matthew Church - RMH
6.30 PM MASS ♦ 7.00 PM - 8.00 PM HOLY HOUR ADORATION

PARISH WEBSITE → WWW.SMPRMH.CA



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fr. Leon celebrates daily Masses privately for the intentions requested by parishioners. See the schedule of Mass intentions below.

RECORDED MASSES ON PARISH WEBSITE

We invite all our parishioners to "watch" daily Masses celebrated by Fr. Leon in St. Matthew Church. Masses are published on our parish website daily around 11.30 AM and on Sundays at 09.00 AM. It's not a livestream.

ONLINE MASS

Sunday April 19, 2020 – Divine Mercy Sunday (2 Sunday of Easter)
Intention: + Clara Gumban and for thanksgiving

Monday April 20, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Easter
Intention: In a certain intention

Tuesday April 21, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Easter
Intention: Birthday blessings for Korben Meadows

Wednesday April 22, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Easter
Intention: For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Thursday April 23, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Easter
Intention: For all the souls in purgatory

Friday April 24, 2020 – Weekday in Season of Easter
Intention: Birthday blessings for Ruth Caluttung

Saturday April 25, 2020 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
Intention: For all members of our parish communities

Sunday April 26, 2020 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
Intention: For the intentions of Pearl Krzyworuczka

APR. 12, 2020 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

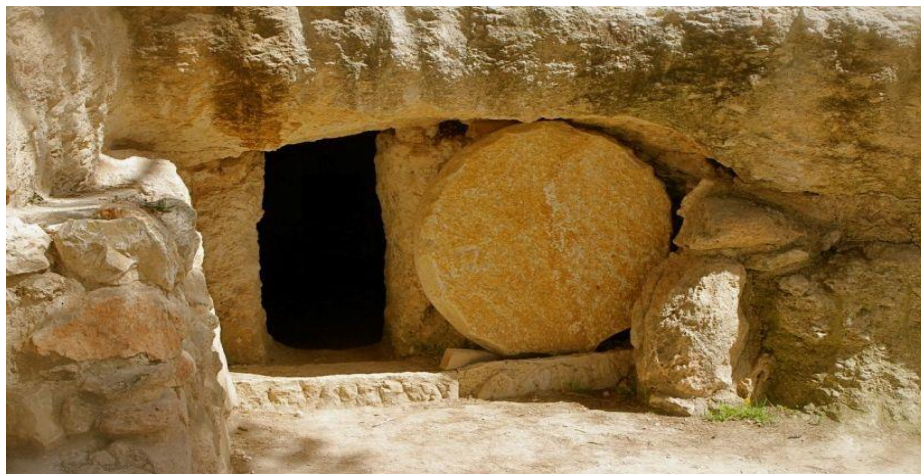
SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:	RMH - \$640.00 * Evergreen - \$450.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$20.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00
ONLINE DONATIONS:	RMH - \$150.00 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$00.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONLINE DONATIONS!

APR. 15, 2020

REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:	RMH - \$3,385.00 * Evergreen - \$1,125.00 * Caroline - \$1,190.00
COMPASSIONATE FUND:	Evergreen - \$200.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$125.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$55.00

ONLINE Giving
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HAPPY EASTER SEASON!